(b) whether Government have exercised and check to see that the LPG connections are issued to the rightful consumers; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Information for the period 1-1-84 to 30-10-86 is as follows:

Name of distributor	No. of connections released against affidavit
M/s. Shivanika Enterprise	134
M/s. Supreme Enterprise	279

(b) LPG distributors are under instructions to suitably verify the identity of an intending consumer before releasing a connection.

Linking wells for Commercial Utilisation of Krishna-Godavari Gas

1790. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal has been pending with Govt. for linking the wells in the Krishna-Godavari basin for commercial utilisation of natural gas; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Action has already been initiated by ONGC for linking the four gas producing wells in Narsapur and Razol areas for supply of gas to consumers.

Discovery of Hydrocarbons in North East Coast of Bay of Bengal

1791. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hydrocarbons have been discovered in North-East coast of Bay of Bengal in two exploratory wells recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Indications of presence of hydrocarbons were encountered in the first two wells. However, no commercial discovery has been made. Exploratory efforts are continuing.

Special Zone for Drilling Activities

1792. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to declare Kaikalur (Andhra Pradesh) range as special zone for intensifying drilling and other activities;

(b) whether ONGC has decided to conduct survey at Mudinepalle, Bantumilli, Kalindi in Krishna district of Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the special zone proposal?